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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MALIK REQUEST FOR ESTIMATE OF CAMBODIAN SITUATION

REF: JAKARTA 0667

IN YOUR NEXT MEETING WITH MALIK YOU MAY PASS HIM FOLLOWING  
APPRECIATION OF CAMBODIAN SITUATION:

A. POLITICALLY, THE SITUATION IS STABLE WITH PRIME MINIS-  
TER LONG BORET GRADUALLY EFFECTING CERTAIN USEFUL CABINET  
CHANGES, SUCH AS RECENT RESIGNATIONS MINISTERS OF NATIONAL  
DEFENSE AND INTERIOR. KHMER EFFORT, HOWEVER, IS DEPENDENT  
ON CONTINUED DEMONSTRATION OF STABILITY AND NATIONAL UNITY  
DURING CURRENT KC OFFENSIVE. OVERALL GKR POSITION REMAINS  
HIGHLY DEPENDENT UPON SUFFICIENT LEVELS OF ECONOMIC AND  
MILITARY AID. WE WILL BE SEEKING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FROM  
CONGRESS WITHOUT WHICH SITUATION WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY  
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B. ECONOMICALLY, PICTURE REMAINS SERIOUS WITH FOREIGN AS-  
SISTANCE VERY MUCH NEEDED. FOOD AND SUBSISTENCE SUPPLIES

ARE ADEQUATE FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT PIPELINE WILL HAVE TO BE KEPT FULL. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR'S RAISING ESF CONTRIBUTION WITH MALIK AND HOPE IT WILL

PRODUCE RESULTS. WE ARE TRYING TO FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE IT WITH THE INDONESIAN FINANCE MINISTER HERE. PRESENTLY THE MEKONG WITH OTHER FORCES ATTACKING AROUND PHNOM PENH IN ORDER TO KEEP FANK BUSY AND UNABLE DEFEND MEKONG. MORE THAN NORMAL ROCKETING OF PHNOM PENH SEEMS PSYCHOLOGICALLY MOTIVATED BUT NOT RPT NOT HAVING DESIRED KC RESULT. OUR ESTIMATE CONTINUES TO BE THAT FANK CAN AND WILL REPULSE KC OFFENSIVE BUT THAT IT WILL BE COSTLY IN TERMS OF LIVES AND MATERIEL. IN SUM, WE FORESEE CONTINUATION OF MILITARY STALEMATE EXISTING FOR PAST YEAR.

D. REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS PROSPECTS, WE CONTINUE INTENSIVE WASHINGTON STUDY OF THIS PROBLEM WITH A VIEW TO ENCOURAGING STEPS TOWARD AN EARLY COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT. ON THE KC SIDE, A RECENT BROADCAST BY KC CLANDESTINE RADIO ANNOUNCED CONTENTS OF GRUNK DECREES 100 AND 101 OF DECEMBER 1974 DISMISSING MOST OF SIHANOUK'S SUPPORTERS AND NAMING THEIR IN-COUNTRY REPLACEMENTS. WHILE THIS ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN IN 1973, IT IS INTERESTING THAT OFFICIAL DECREES APPEARED ONE YEAR LATER AND THEN WERE BROADCAST BY KC SHORTLY AFTER SIHANOUK'S RECENT SWEDISH TV AND AFP INTERVIEWS IN WHICH HE HINTED THAT HE MIGHT CONSIDER TAKING IN SOME RIGHTIST MINISTERS AS PART OF THE SETTLEMENT TO CAMBODIAN WAR. BOTH EMBASSY PHNOM PENH AND WE HAVE WONDERED WHETHER SIHANOUK'S STATEMENTS WERE PART OF HIS TYPICAL DIVIDE AND RULE TACTICS AND WHETHER KC BROADCAST, ON OTHER HAND, WAS INTENDED TO REMIND HIM WHO REALLY IN CHARGE.

E. AS AMBASSADOR STATED TO MALIK, WE SHALL BE INTERESTED IN RESULTS HIS TALKS IN ALGIERS AND HIS OPINION OF CAMBODIAN SITUATION AND DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

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